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International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
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1. Statement		
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-12 YES Claims _____ NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-12 YES Claims _____ NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-12 YES Claims _____ NO
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<p>Document 1: JP 11-5659 A (Konica Corp.), 12 January 1999 Document 2: JP 8-297382 A (Sharp Corp.), 12 November 1996 Document 3: JP 8-334936 A (Sharp Corp.), 17 December 1996</p> <p>The inventions of claims 1-12 are neither described in any of the documents cited in the ISR nor obvious to a person skilled in the art.</p>		